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CHRIST PEOPLE HEALTH

## PRAYER ITEMS.

- Pray for Malawi as we look to the future with new hope under the guidance of our new President Mrs. Joyce Banda.
- Pray for the hospital as we still have shortage of staff and financial constraints.

We praise God that we have managed to keep our essential services going in the hospital and community despite the very difficult times in the country.

It has been a struggle to maintain a supply of essential drugs and medical supplies because of continual shortages of fuel, at times essential drugs were not available and rapidly increasing costs. some goods have doubled in price in the past few months. We are very grateful for faithfulness in prayer and support.

## QUARTERLY UPDATE

The past four months have been increasingly busy with many malaria cases being admitted especially in children's ward. Over 85% of children's admissions were suffering from severe malaria and anemia.

As the ward often reached capacity some children were being nursed in female or male wards.

Malaria remains the prevalent cause of death in children under 5 in Malawi despite the teaching and distribution of mosquito nets. Sadly we still have children being brought to hospital too late for treatment. A 6 year old girl was carried in one evening with severe malaria, the family lived only 10 minutes walk from the hospital, very sadly she died 30 minutes later...just too late. The mother was distraught and said she had no money to come earlier for treatment. We never turn anyone away from the hospital because of money. We try to maintain a Good Samaritan Fund which is used to help those unable to pay for their treatment.

## CTG MACHINE DONATION

This is used to Monitor the baby during later stages of pregnancy and during labour, its essential for the well-being of the baby. A CTG machine is common in all labour wards in developed countries; it monitors the heart beat of the baby and the strength of the mothers' contractions.

We are now blessed with a new CTG machine kindly donated by the McNair trust. A further step to improve the care of our mothers and babies.



## SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

**'God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life**

**John 3 vs. 16**

### Readers response

Readers are encouraged to comment on issues raised in this Newsletter.

Please kindly inform us if you know someone who may be interested in this Newsletter. Do not hesitate to inform us if you do not need another copy of this Newsletter in future.

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We can also be contacted through the office of Presbyterian Church in Ireland (+44022890322284). Presbyterian Church Offices in Scotland and USA can also serve as contact points

## NEW GENSET

The hospital has been blessed with a new gen set donated by Eric Niblock which has come at the right time just because of frequent power failure. The old one is ageing.



## NEW NURSES

Three nurses have joined DGMH just finished their diploma training in nursing and midwifery.

**VIA-**This quarter 34 clients came for screening only 2 were found positive. Abdominal hysterectomy was done to both patients. They were discharged well.

**Dr.Louise MCrollly-**Has been with us as volunteer for the past 6 weeks. Louise is qualified Medical Doctor. She has contributed a lot to the care and support to patients. Praise God for her commitment.

**TRAINING-**Three Patients attendants are pursuing two years certificate training in laboratory sponsored by CDC through CHAM. One nurse is pursuing three years Diploma training in nursing and midwifery.